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# PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Manabu AKAMATSU, *et al.*

Application No.: 09/659,566

Filed: September 11, 2000

For: IMAGE PROCESSING SYSTEM AND  
METHOD, AND IMAGE FORMING  
APPARATUS

Confirmation No. 4700

Group Art Unit: 2621

Examiner: Edwards, Patrick

## Mail Stop RCE

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Sir:

**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL**

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

☒ Previously submitted:

☒ Please consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on July 29, 2004. (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).

☐ Please consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously  
filed on 10/04/2004 HBEPHE 00000039 500310 A

☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_ 01 FC:1252 420.00 DA

☐ Enclosed:

☐ Amendment/Reply

☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

☐ Information Disclosure Statement with Form 1449 and 1 document as listed

☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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## 2. Miscellaneous

- ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
- ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_.

## 3. Fees Calculation

## (a) RCE Fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)

- ☒ \$770.00
- ☐ \$385.00 (for small entity)

## (b) Extension of Time

- ☐ Applicants believe that no extension of time is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that Applicants have inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition and fee for extension of time.
- ☒ Applicants petition for an extension of time, the fees for which are set out in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a), for the total number of months checked below.

<u>Total Months Requested</u>	<u>Fee for Extension</u>	<u>[Fee for Small Entity]</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> one month	\$ 110.00	\$ 55.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> two months	\$ 420.00	\$210.00
<input type="checkbox"/> three months	\$ 950.00	\$475.00
<input type="checkbox"/> four months	\$1,480.00	\$740.00

Extension of time fee due with this request: **\$420.00.**

## (c) Other \_\_\_\_\_.

**The total fee for this submission: \$1,190.00.**

## 4. Fee Payment

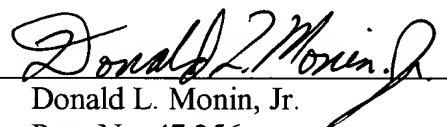
- ☐ Check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ filing fee is enclosed.
- ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge **\$1,190.00** (\$420.00 for the two-month extension of time fee and \$770.00 for the RCE filing fee due) to our Deposit Account No. 50-0310.

5. Additional papers enclosed:

- ☐ Preliminary Amendment  
☐ Declaration of Biological Deposit  
☐ Submission of "Sequence Listing", computer readable copy and/or amendment  
pertaining thereto for biotechnology invention containing nucleotide and/or amino  
acid sequence.

Respectfully submitted,

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